

stated that "there can be no doubt that infection in adult life is far more frequent than is ordinarily taught." This is quoted because the statement is at variance with the most recent views of some of our authorities, i. e., pulmonary tuberculosis practically always has its inception in child life. A contrary opinion coming from Landis' pen must certainly be given careful thought and attention.

The chapters on the pneumonias and their complications are very complete and contain the newest work of Cole, Dochez and Avery on typing. We are duly grateful for the chapter on the diseases of the diaphragm as the textbooks give little or nothing on this subject.

The rest of the book is devoted to circulatory diseases with each carefully detailed as to etiology, morbid anatomy, pathology, physiology, symptomatology, and physical signs. The chapters on diseases of the heart are interspersed with excellent pathological and clinical illustrations.

In conclusion the book of Norris & Landis may be commended as an exhaustive treatise on the physical signs and diagnosis of diseases to which the organs of the thoracic cavity are heir. Criticism must be made of the space given to time-worn, well-known and hackneyed subjects, while the personal views of these two excellent teachers of medicine are greatly missed.

W. C. V.

Correspondence

Concerning Physicians and Surgeons College, San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., August 24, 1918.

To the Editor:

I have been asked by some of the alumni of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, inasmuch as incorrect rumors are in circulation, to publish a brief statement of the present position of the Medical Department of that institution. In January of this year, I was requested by the Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees to undertake the reorganization of the Medical Department in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Medical Examiners. This quite onerous task I undertook with the clear understanding that the interests of the student body and the public should be protected by bringing the standard of teaching up to that demanded of an acceptable college according to the requirements of the American Medical Association. To this end changes were made in the faculty, and in the administration of the laboratories and clinics which were considered satisfactory by the State Board of Medical Examiners. The session was lengthened by four months to enable the classes to make good some of the defects they had suffered from during the period of reorganization. How effective this work has been, is manifest by the fact that of the students who have presented themselves under the new conditions to the State Board of Medical Examiners, eighty per cent. have passed. The Board of Trustees very faithfully and thoroughly supported me in the policy of establishing a first class college and spent very large sums of money in improvements. Nevertheless at the end of the summer it became apparent that it was not possible to maintain a satisfactory staff of instructors under the conditions induced by the war. The army took from us Dr. James Eaves, Dr. Lawrence Hoffman, Dr. Bruman, Dr.

Kavanaugh and others in immediate prospect. The department of pathology could only be maintained in a state of inefficiency. Under these circumstances I applied to the Educational Council of the American Medical Association for permission to send the students for enrollment in other acceptable colleges to complete their medical education, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco ultimately graduating them on the returns made by such institutions. This permission was granted and the task of continuing their education has been undertaken by the Medical Department of the University of Southern California. This solution of a difficult problem is satisfactory to everyone concerned. Let me state in conclusion and in refutation of statements that have been put in circulation:

First. That the American Medical Association did not refuse to raise the grading of this college under the new administration, for the very good reason that it has not examined it.

Secondly. None of the new faculty severed their connection with the college as a result of dissatisfaction with the conditions. On the contrary the letters of Dr. James Eaves and others were warm in commendation and hope for its future.

Thirdly. The transfer of the students to the Southern College was solely at our instigation and in accordance with the precedent of other institutions.

Fourthly. The success of the teaching of the present faculty is manifest in the returns of the Board of State Medical Examiners, whereby we are credited with passing fourteen students out of seventeen, or eighty per cent—amongst those were two of the highest markings in the examinations.

Very truly yours,

H. D'ARCY POWER,
Dean, College of Physicians & Surgeons.

FROM DR. R. H. HUNT, "OVER THERE" WITH THE NAVY.

July 22, 1918.

. . . I have had quite a pleasant day. Have been visiting one of the big ships here in the harbor. There were several medicos aboard whom I had met in New York, so we had a good time talking things over. I had gossip that they wanted and they had a lot for me. From a cold storage ship I went to the Corsair, J. P. Morgan's yacht. My, but I was glad that he had so much money to make such a fine boat. She is one of the fastest and largest yachts in the world and I enjoyed my stay there. From there I had a trip by land and sea to this place where I have been assigned to a couple of boats and now on this very good destroyer. Our work has a lot of thrills in it and it is not all comfort. I thought I did not get seasick, but I have changed my mind about that. The things these boats do are wonderful and quick. You think every now and then that the elevator has broken, and sometimes it takes a long drop before it starts back, too. I would get along splendidly as a one-armed man after this training because we always have to have hold of something. I can dress with one hand and eat with one hand and both feet. If I only had a prehensile tail I would be well fixed.

One does not have much medical work to do. It is mostly prophylactic and inspection stuff. If you did get a case you would send it to the hos-

pital, for this is surely no place in which to look out for anyone, nor is it a comfortable place in which to be sick.

Randall is with Army Base Hospital No. 30. It was wet and muddy there, so much so that I was very thankful that I was not in the Army. I don't think much of sleeping on wet ground and standing up to eat. I would rather have no ground and eat with one hand I suppose, but just the same they did not look a bit comfortable.

This place is nearly an Amex city now, even the kids are beginning to throw baseballs through the windows. If they would only quit begging pennies; my, it gets tiresome. . . .

While the weather lasts I will start a letter to you. Everything on a ship of this type depends upon the weather. They discovered me on the yacht and took me away from that nice home. I had quite an interesting trip from the yacht to the ship I was assigned to. Took me a week by land and by sea. No, I was not traveling all the time. I was looking for my trunk some of the while and then had to wait for a vessel to take me on the rest of the journey. In one of the cities I went through there was a large Engineers' camp and I assure you they were doing a lot of work there. The medical work was not very spectacular, no more than it would be around any machine shop or engine yard but it was work that had to be attended to and we all can't be fishing out shrapnel. Though I guess that there is plenty of that to do right now, but the press news is good so that helps a whole lot.

I am now on a destroyer and it is a great life if you don't weaken; if the expression ever fitted, it fits here. I am getting so I could get along with one hand, if I had no other to hang on with. You know what the Fort Bragg bar can do, well we just pray for nice smooth weather like that after we have crashed into a head wind and sea for some 40 hours. This boat slips along at 32 knots and I assure you that is traveling some—I know it is the fastest I have ever dashed along. If the waves don't get out of our way why we just bust into them. Sure I was seasick at first but I am getting used to it now. I want to see the one who does not get sick. When it gets rough you don't get sick, as you are too busy hanging on; there is no sleep, no eat, just jumps and bumps. I have a room up where they keep the paint on most ships and I don't even think you can imagine what it is like there.

The work is interesting, no, not from a medical side, for there don't seem to be much time for that. This is no place for a sick man. The medical work is mostly prophylactic, early and quick diagnosis, so that we can transfer the cases to the hospital. The minor surgery always comes at the worst time when one dare not attempt anything; it gets first aid and when things quiet down gets further attention. I am fleet surgeon, as it were, having a number of destroyers depending upon me. Each of them has a Chief Pharmacist Mate on board and I assure you these men are very fine fellows and are to be depended upon.

To-day we missed something, don't know what it was, but were off in answer to a S. O. S. when we were called back; it wasn't much but then we are ready to take in little bits of excitement once in a while. Not long ago we went to a sinking. The Covington was torpedoed and it was hoped that she could be brought in. We kept the coast clear while the tugs did their best but it was no use, she filled up and went down; no one was lost, but it seemed a shame to see such a fine ship go down. I had been aboard her not long before and was greatly impressed with her greatness and grandness.

Fraternally yours,

R. H. HUNT.

County Societies

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

The Alameda County Medical Association opened the year's work Monday evening, August 19, 1918, with the following program:

- I. Technic of Vaginal Hysterectomy. Illustrated by stereopticon.....By Dr. Chas. A. Dukes.
- II. The Children's Year Campaign.....By Dr. Adelaide Brown
- III. Psychiatric Problems of the War.....By Dr. Jau Don Ball

These papers were both timely and instructive and brought out an interesting discussion by Drs. E. N. Ewer, M. L. Emerson, Anna M. Small, Lieut. A. W. Stearns of the Navy, Major Hutchins, Captains Myers and Orbison of the Army, and August Vollmer, chief of police of Berkeley.

Dr. C. H. Miller of San Leandro, has been elected medical superintendent of the Alameda County Hospital.

The Alameda County Institutions' Commission filed its amended budget for the County Hospitals asking for \$350,000 for the first unit of the proposed new hospital on the recently acquired site in East Oakland. It is proposed to build at once a service building for an ultimate building that will accommodate 250 beds, to cost \$150,000; a surgery and an X-ray laboratory; dressing rooms and pathological laboratory, costing \$50,000; surgical wards and corridors, to cost \$50,000, and a medical ward with sixty beds to cost \$50,000.

Announcement was made at the University of California to-day that Robert T. Legge, professor of hygiene, and university physician, has been commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and will be stationed at the University Infirmary. The infirmary is being used as the hospital for the School of Military Aeronautics of the University. It will also be used by the Government, according to University officials, as the hospital for the Students' Training Corps to be established at the University, and designated as a semi-military institution.

The following members of the Alameda County Medical Association have entered the service: Drs. A. M. Smith, J. L. Lohse, H. G. C. Boggs and E. S. Drucks.

CONTRA COSTA.

At the last meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society, Dr. U. S. Abbott, having been commissioned a captain in the Reserve Officers' Medical Corps of the Army, resigned the secretaryship of the County Society, and Dr. P. C. Campbell of Richmond was elected to fill the vacancy.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Personals.

Dr. John C. Copeland has been commissioned captain in the Medical Reserve Corps. He is to go to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Dr. A. Harrison Putnam, who was injured by an auto truck, will recover. He is suffering from a broken rib and from shock.

Dr. C. A. Johnson and wife left for Rochester, Minn., August 11, where Dr. Johnson, having been commissioned captain in the Medical Reserve Corps, will receive instruction under the Mayo brothers.

Film Folk to Build Hospital.

A Home and Hospital for Dependent and Ailing Members of the Motion Picture Industry is planned, demanding an immediate investment of \$300,000 and occupying 60 acres of ground within an hour's ride of the city. It will be offered to the Federal Government as one of the chain of